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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

***Ex Parte* Notice**

**Re: Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime
CC Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On February 8, 2006, Ronald Laudner of OmniTel Communications in Nora Springs, IA and Stuart Polikoff of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO) met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and Scott Bergmann, the Commissioner's legal advisor for wireline issues.

In the meeting we discussed the important role that centralized equal access (CEA) providers play in Iowa and neighboring states in deploying basic and advanced services to rural consumers. To ensure the continuation of CEA networks, all entities connecting with rural telephone companies through CEAs should be required to pay their share of the cost of the CEA network. This means that cost-based intercarrier compensation for rural telephone companies and CEAs should be maintained and mandatory bill and keep should be rejected as a replacement for access charges.

In accordance with FCC rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the above-captioned docket.

Sincerely,

Stuart Polikoff
Director of Government Relations
OPASTCO